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EDITORIALS

TRUMAN'S STANDING

The standing of President Truman in public favor has moved up and down the scale during his occupancy of the White House.

A few weeks ago it seemed that he was headed toward a new low.

His "old stand on foreign policy has now apparently reversed this trend.

The American people have always favored a leader who faced up to crises. Mr. Truman's stand for authority to draft strikers back in 1946, and his bold handling of John L. Lewis in the same year won him respect. Now, his bid for means of halting Russian expansion will do the same. This paper has long hoped that compulsory military training in peacetime could be avoided. However, if Mr. Truman believes that the world danger is such that American armed might must again be demonstrated, we admire his bold stand on this vital question.

That Mr. Truman frequently sees fit to "play politics" on some domestic issues is not in his favor. But the fact does stand on occasion he is capable of taking a bold stand for the national welfare, regardless of political implications.

IS HE INFORMED?

In the swirling days prior to a war, it is often believed that the leaders of a totalitarian state are not fully informed as to the dangers involved in their decisions. A dictator or partial dictator is often surrounded by groups who for various reasons might desire to keep the facts from the one with ultimate authority. Thus it is claimed in retrospect that the emporor of Japan was not aware of the true world situation just prior to Pearl Harbor, and that even Hitler made great decisions with incomplete facts at his disposal.

Many will wonder - and never know - if Premier Stalin is fully posted by Red officialdom as to the dangers of current Soviet foreign policy. There is every basic reason for Russia, more than any world power, to want peace. A military defeat now would divest her of vast possessions and resources. It is unthinkable that Russia should want war so quickly after the recent costly struggle. Does Stalin realize that is on the verge of a senseless struggle in which he would toss away all the gains of a generation? We wonder, and as we wonder we pray that the time will come when a free press over the world will make bad decisions less likely.

THE RICHMOND PRESS

Seldom have we seen a greater display of public service than that of the Richmond Newspapers during the recent sessions of the Virginia General Assembly. They were quick to commend and quick to condemn, boldly and fairly informing the people.

We are sure that the effort of some to curb the freedom of the press in Virginia, in the closing moments of the session, does not truly represent the considered judgment of that body. We have too great respect for the Virginia legislators to believe that they fully understood the implications of the hastily adopted bill to weaken press freedom in Virginia. It appears to us as but another case of hasty legislation, rushed through to a vote without adequate study. We had so much of that sort of hastily drawn proposals that it is time that steps were taken to extend public hearing before bills are brought to a vote. That is a responsibility of leadership. No individual member can thoroughly study all bills submitted during a session, and it unfair to a member to expect him to "push buttons" at the pace now required in the last few hours of an all too brief session.

Virginians will see to it that the Richmond papers remain free.

General Marshall declares that the Draft is needed now.

Senate passes tax cut bill.

3,295 U. S. war dead have been returned from Pacific.

Recess asked in trials of war criminals.

Further increases seen in price of newsprint paper.

Low bracket tax papers to get benefits under new bill.

Here's One Sure System To Make Horses Pay Off

LAS VEGAS, NEV.—Three men walked into the Las Vegas club here, bet on a 44 to 1 shot in the seventh race at fair grounds track, New Orleans, collected $11,000 in winnings and departed.

During the running of the race the club had trouble with its racing wire, but it was repaired and flashed the information that Atomic City, the 44-1 shot, was the winner.

Earlier in the day a bank official informed the police chief that he saw a man cutting wires on a telephone pole behind the phone company.

Police Chief Malmburg said investigation revealed that the only wire cut was one of 1,200 — the one carrying information to the Las Vegas club.

The police chief theorized that the gamblers heard the results of the race in another club before dashing into the Las Vegas club to place their wagers.

Two men were held for questioning. One, an ex-convict, is an electrician.

Hiyo Silver! Race to Old Mine Ready to Start Anew

DODGEVILLE, MICH.—The story of seven barrels of silver abandoned in an old mine near here is being told and re-told again and is expected to cause a silver rush any day now.

Seems that a group of miners in the middle of the last century wanted more pay. The mine management refused to grant them a increase. Having just neatly capped seven barrels of silver, the miners climbed out of their hole to continue the argument.

Negotiations continued for months while the seven barrels of silver lay in the mine shaft. Finally, when an agreement was reached the miners discovered that the shaftiag had weakened and they refused to enter the mine again. The silver treasure never was extricated.

Conservatively, the treasure is estimated to be worth about $14,500. Carlos Wenberg, graduate of Michigan College of Mining and Technology, contends that the story is true.

Uncle Sam Says

How many things have you had to forego because you did not save up money to pay for them? Perhaps in your own experience you muffed an unusual opportunity to get ahead or to make a dream come true. You simply didn't have enough money. Millions of Americans are buying Savings Bonds either on the partial payment plan where they work or on the Bond-A-Month Plan whereby your bank deducts the full amount of a Bond monthly from the money you have on deposit. They will be ready for opportunities, but how about you? *U. S. Treasury Department*

Have you made your contribution to the Red Cross?

The BIBLE SPEAKS

By LOUIE D. NEWTON, D. D.

SCRIPTURE: John 21:1-14; Colossians 3: 1-4; I John 5:11-20.
DEVOTIONAL READING: John 14:2-6.

Eternal Life

Lesson for March 28, 1948

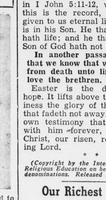
"THE Lord has risen indeed," and because he lives, we too shall live. Easter is the day that reminds us of this blessed truth—the truth of eternal life. Well has Henry Burton expressed it in these lines:

"There's a light upon the mountains,
And the day is at the spring.
When our eyes shall see the beauty
And the glory of the King;
Weary was our heart with waiting,
And the night watch seemed so long,
But his triumph day is breaking,
And we hail it with a song.

"He is breaking down the barriers;
He is casting up the way;
He is calling for his angels
To build up the gates of day;
But his angels here are human,
And the shining hosts above
And the drumbeats of his army
Are the heartbeats of our love."

BREAKFAST BY THE LAKE

READ John 21:1-14 for the exquisite account of Jesus appearing to his disciples in the early morning at the sea of Tiberias. They had been toiling all night, and had taken nothing. Bringing their boats near to the shore, they saw one standing there, "but the disciples knew not that it was Jesus."


Dr. Newton

Jesus told them to cast their net on the right side of the ship, which they did, and they caught 153 "great fishes." Jesus then summoned them to breakfast. He had prepared the bread and fish on coals of fire. And they did eat.

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BLESSED ASSURANCE

BEFORE his death, Jesus had said to his disciples, "Because I live, you will live also." John 14:19, but they did not fully grasp the meaning of the great words. But that morning on the sea shore, they understood. They remembered that he had died on the cross, and now they were assured that he was really alive, for this was the third time he had appeared unto the disciples after the resurrection.

How happy they must have been! How happy we should be on this recurring Easter season, assured that he is alive evermore. And because he lives, we too shall live.

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WHAT IS ETERNAL LIFE?

SUNDAY'S lesson leads us on to the answer to the question, What is eternal life? In Colossians 3:1-4 and 12-17, we have the declaration, "Your life is hid with Christ in God. . . " If we have believed on him — cast ourselves in implicit trust into his keeping — we have eternal life, which is his gift to every believing heart.

Paul goes on to admonish those who have "entered into life eternal," through faith in the riven, risen, reigning Saviour, to put on the garments of his presence and power and peace — kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering, forbearance, forgiveness.

The evidence of eternal life is to be found in the fruits of the Spirit in our daily lives.

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CERTAINTY OF ETERNAL LIFE

WE READ in John 17:3 this word of further assurance, "This is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." And in I John 5:11-12, we read, "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

In another passage John tells that we know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren.

Easter is the day of eternal hope. It lifts above the fog of earthiness the glory of the blessed hope that fadeth not away. We have God's own testimony that we shall live with him -forever, through Jesus Christ, our risen, reigning, returning Lord.

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Mother of Nine Says Triplets Are 'Lovely'

Woman Enthused Over Second Set of Three

SYRACUSE, N. Y.—Mrs. Margaret Walker, 40, looked up at picture of her second set of triplets from her hospital bed here and cried enthusiastically: "They're lovely."

Asked whether she knew which among the three babies in the picture was the boy, Mrs. Walker correctly replied, "Yes, the middle one."

The state department of vital statistics places the chances of a woman having two sets of triplets as high as one in 96 million.

The triplets were delivered by Dr. St.wart Bauman, who brought the Walkers' first set into the world April 21, 1943. In addition to the two sets of triplets the Walkers have three older sons.

During Mrs. Walker's convalescence the father, Michael S. Walker, 42, cared for the other members of the family. He went shopping while the four-year-old triplets were staying at a neighbor's home.

Hospital authorities reported that the triplets weighed 17 pounds 2 ounces at birth. All three were placed under an oxygen tent as a precautionary measure but were removed after a short interval.

The Walkers, purchasing their four-bedroom house on his $50-a-week salary as a factory repairman, are natives of Ireland. They met in the United States. Mrs. Walker came from County Kilkenny in 1926 and her husband left County Mayo for the United States a year earlier.

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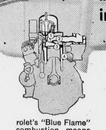

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Baby Girl Sweater Fails To Fit Cocker Spaniel

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—Two former school classmates met in a Terre Haute, Ind., elevator one day and began informing each other of the latest events in their lives.

Paul Hartwig remarked, "We have a beautiful four-month-old baby girl at our house. You must see her."

Mrs. Parker, who is Hartwig's former schoolmate, bought a little wool sweater for the baby and had it delivered to the Hartwigs.

She received a letter which thanked her for the gift but apologized:

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'Look Before You Leap' He Doesn't; Gets Dunking

PENNSVILLE, N. J.—Dennis Donovan, 32, Wilmington, Del., boarded a New Castle ferry and suddenly decided he didn't want to make the trip.

He leaped off the ferry towards where he thought the dock was and landed in the icy Delaware river.

During the time that Donovan was making up his mind the ferry had pulled away from the dock.

He was treated for exposure after being fished out of the water.

Parking Meters Mushroom On Main Streets of U. S.

CHICAGO. — A bumper crop of mechanical policemen has sprouted up from coast to coast in 1,800 cities, according to statistics released by International City Managers' association.

Three-fourths of all American cities from 100,000 to 250,000 population use them. Slightly more than half of the 25,000-100,000 population cities have installed them and 40 per cent of the 10,000-25,000 group put them in.

The meters, although used primarily to raise city revenue, are versatile. Some cities used them in March of Dimes drives; and for the fight against infantile paralysis by urging motorists to deposit an additional dime each time they park their cars.

There are indications that some northwestern farmers may be allergic to them. Brighton, Ore., recently voted to remove its parking meters because they apparently induced some farmers to take their business to other cities where parking was free.

Constituent, 12, Promises His Vote When He's 'Big'

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Sen. Tom Stewart, (Dem., Tenn.), received the following letter from a 12-year-old boy in his state named George:

"Dear Tom: I read that you have some horses captured by the U. S. army overseas.

"I would shore like to have one.

"Make it the fastest one you have, if possible a mother one, so it can have babies."

George then promised the senator his vote "when I get big."

The boy wrote to Senator Stewart after reading that he had urged the state department to retain a number of captured Hungarian horses as war booty.

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C. A. Carter, who has been ill recently spent three days of this week in the Hospital.

Miss Renee Booker has returned to her home, after spending three weeks in Newport News with Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Hicks. She was accompanied home by her grandfather, Robert I. Coleman.

George E. Booker, of Washington, D. C., spent last week-end in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Booker.

Sgt. and Mrs. William Allen have returned to Georgia, after spending several weeks with Mrs. Allen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harris.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Spiggle visited Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown this week.

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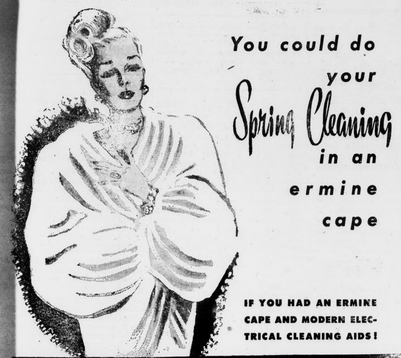

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